



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: End of Term on Thursday 22nd July 2021

You might be aware that following Government guidelines, and from the advice we have been given, we had to ask Yr. 9 students to remain at home this week due to a significant number of positive PCR test results over the weekend. We have now had over the last two days further positive PCR results from students in Yr. 8. We are also expecting the result of a PCR test from a student in Yr. 10 (new Yr. 11) who has tested positive from a lateral flow test.

With each positive PCR test that has been reported, we have to ask any close contacts to self-isolate which is resulting in families having to change their holiday plans such as seeing loved ones from this weekend. We are also noticing a declining number of students in each of the three year groups who are currently in school this week. Unfortunately, there are also staff members having to isolate as well.

Considering all these factors, it has been decided that term will end on Thursday this week, meaning that students who are presently in school will have two full days remaining. Students were originally only going to be coming to school for one period on Friday so there will be minimal impact on learning. It does not seem sensible to invite students to school on Friday and risk further transmission and the health of our students, their families and our staff members for one period. Form time will still take place on Friday remotely so that there is a final opportunity for the members of the Form group to say goodbye to one another before the summer break.

The positive cases are a reminder to all of us that we must continue to be vigilant. Please ensure that your son takes a lateral flow test on Wednesday night and record the results via the Test Register UK link. Do not send your son to school if he displays any of the symptoms of the coronavirus and book a PCR test.

The students who tested positive are all well and we would ask that you keep them and their families in your prayers.

I will be back in touch at the end of the week and please continue to stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P. McCullagh'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping tail.

P E McCullagh
Headteacher